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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF KIWI FRUIT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hill areas of many States in India like Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal have huge potential for the production of Kiwi fruit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to facilitate the production of Kiwi fruit in the viable areas in different parts of the country;

(d) whether the Kiwi fruit is being imported by India on large scale; and

(e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): Recognising the potential for development of various horticultural crops including Kiwi fruit, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal`. Under the above scheme, kiwi fruit has been identified as one of the thrust crops for increasing area under cultivation and for enhancing productivity of kiwi in potential States like Arunachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh. Under this scheme, assistance is provided to farmers for cultivation of kiwi and for creation of infrastructure such as establishment of nurseries, community water tanks, drip irrigation, adoption of IPM practices, etc. for production of adequate number of planting material and for improving the productivity of kiwi fruits in these state.

(d)&(e): Kiwi fruit is not being imported to India on a large scale.